



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Biotechnology Risk Assessment Postdoctoral Research Position

The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) seeks immediate applications for a postdoctoral research position to be focused on assessing the ecological effects of biotechnology products.

Potential candidates should have a background or expertise applicable to one or more of the following areas: 1) Gene flow between genetically modified plants and their native or weedy relatives. The area of interest is the assessment of potential ecological consequences of gene transfer. 2) Management of insect resistance to plant incorporated protectants. Research topics may include evaluation of methods for measuring resistance; understanding target pest biology, ecology and population dynamics; or, examination of the high dose/structured refuge strategy for resistance management. 3) **Monitoring of ecological impacts of genetically modified crops.** Research topics may include the development of methodologies for conducting base-line assessments of non-target species diversity and abundance or the examination of potential impacts of GM crops in terms of ecosystem functions.

NCEA serves as the USEPA national resource center for human health and ecological risk assessment and occupies a critical position between laboratory/field researchers and environmental decision-makers. Our research efforts are focused on producing state-of-the-science health and ecological risk assessments of national significance and providing guidance, training and support to environmental risk assessors. NCEA's non-laboratory, postdoctoral research positions are ideal for scientists interested in the conducting ecological risk assessments to support development of environmental science policies and risk management approaches.

The postdoctoral position is a three-year, federal government, term appointment located in Washington, DC. The current salary range is approximately \$46,000 to \$72,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience. Selected candidates receive a full benefits package, including health insurance, life insurance, retirement, and vacation and sick leave. Candidates must have earned a Ph.D. within the past five years and must be U.S. citizens.

To apply for NCEA post-doctoral positions, please send a letter of interest outlining your research focus, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Dr. Jeffrey B. Frithsen, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601D), ATTN: NCEA Post-Doctoral Positions, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Applications will be received and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

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